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TAGS: MOPS, CASC, LA

SUBJECT: DEAN CASE: AUSTRALIAN AMBASSADOR'S INTERVIEW

1. AUSTRALIAN AMBASSADOR BORTHWICK, TOURING NORTHERN LAOS,  
CALLED ON PRINCE SOUPHANOUVONG IN LUANG PRABANG ON FEBRUARY  
14. BORTHWICK SUMMARIZED THE PRINCE'S REMARKS ON DEAN/  
SHARMAN CASE FOR USAID AREA COORDINATOR CONNICK AS FOLLOWS:

A) PAHTET LAO WONDERED HOW U.S. AND AUSTRALIAN  
EMBASSIES HAD AMASSED SO MUCH DETAILED INFORMATION  
ON DEAN AND SHARMAN.

B) SOUPHANOUVONG HAD NO FURTHER INFORMATION  
ON THE CASE TO GIVE BORTHWICK BUT EXPRESSED  
CERTAINTY THAT DEAN AND SHARMAN ARE ALL RIGHT.  
HE SAID IT WAS NOW ONLY A QUESTION OF THEIR BEING  
MOVED TO A PLACE THAT HAS "BETTER COMMUNICATIONS."  
(COMMENT: SOUPHANOUVONG EVIDENTLY DID NOT INDICATE  
WHERE DEAN AND SHARMAN ARE NOW OR TO WHAT PLACE  
THEY MIGHT BE MOVED. "BETTER COMMUNICATIONS"  
PRESUMABLY MEANS COMMUNICATIONS WITH LPF HEADQUARTERS

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IN SAM NEUA.)

C) SOUPHANOUVONG PLEADED FOR PATIENCE ON PART OF  
EMBASSIES, FAMILIES, AND SHARMAN'S FINANCEE.

3. MEANWHILE, SOUPHANOUVONG'S PLANNED TRIP TO SAM NEUA HAS  
SLIPPED, ALLEGEDLY BECAUSE OF HIS HEAVY WORKLOAD IN LUANG  
PRABANG. HIS SECRETARY TOLD AREA COORDINATOR'S OFFICE THAT  
PRINCE ORIGINALLY PLANNED TO LEAVE FOR SAM NEUA FEBRUARY 7  
OR 8 BUT NOW DOES NOT EXPECT TO GET AWAY FOR ANOTHER TWO OR  
THREE DAYS.  
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